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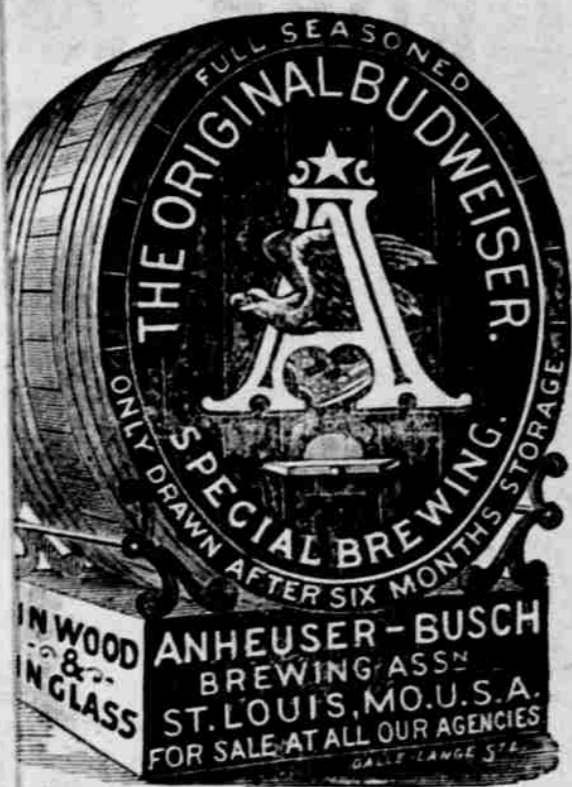
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Chief Engineer Little of the O. S. S. Mariposa has a little Australian linnet that works for every mouthful of food and every drink of water it gets. On one side of the cage is a small board joined at an angle near a hole, through which the bird can put its head. On this board is a small car, into which the food is placed, and attached to this is a cord which runs through the hole above mentioned. Whenever the bird gets hungry, which, Mr. Little says, is very often, it grasps the cord with its beak, and, little by little, pulls the car flush with the hole and eats. The car is so constructed that it will stay in place until there is a slight movement of the cage. The bird having finished its meal, flies to another part of the cage, and the car slides down again to the end of the board.

Now, then, as to the water. On a line with the bottom of the cage is a small bowl filled with water. Toward the top of the cage is a place which looks for all the world like a bay window. Through the bottom of this is a hole, right above the water bowl, and from this is suspended a cord, to the end of which is a small porcelain bucket. This always rests in the bowl. When the bird becomes thirsty it simply goes to the hole, grasps the cord with its beak, and, with the assistance of its claws, pulls up the bucket, takes a drink and then lets it fall again. It is most interesting to see the little thing at work. Said Mr. Little recently: "That bird is always hungry. Even at night I hear the car running down the board and the bucket dropping into the 'well.' It hasn't a very sweet voice, but for plain, common, every-day bird sense, it beats anything I ever saw. The exercise taken undoubtedly causes its great appetite."

"Perhaps you would like to hear how I became possessor of the bird. Five years ago a little 4-year-old girl went down to Sydney with me, and during the trip we became very good friends. Upon arrival in Sydney we learned that a very valuable trick bird was to be raffled. The price of a ticket was 1 shilling. I pulled out 2 shillings and said: 'Here, Maud, are two tickets. We will win the bird.' The little thing became so possessed of the idea that in her prayers that night she asked that she be given the bird. Sure enough, she got the winning ticket and won the bird. It is still hers, and I am just carrying it along for company. It causes more amusement and wonder than any pet I have ever had."

Tonight—At the Theatre.

Petrie's Vaudeville Company will give another of their clever entertainments this evening at the Opera House. A novel program has been rehearsed, and will be submitted. As the Merry-Makers gave such a good account of themselves on Saturday, it is expected a large audience will assemble to greet their second appearance tonight.

Petrie and Elise have a capital new sketch, and the Olifans will insert new items in their novel and excruciatingly funny act. Tom Edwards, in new specialty; Helen Gordon, the highly-cultured vocalist, will sing popular ballads and operatic selections. By special request, Miss Gordon will sing "The Song That Reached My Heart." The Ciserio sisters, with their elegant skirt dancing, "La Vision," and Cunard will give an expose of so-called spiritualism, a very interesting item on the program. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2:30 for ladies and children, at 50 and 25 cents. Tickets at Wall, Nichols Company.

Cost of Living Raised.

The Consular Trade Report for 1896, drawn up by the British Consul at Yokohama, contains the following interesting item on the cost of living in Japan: A general rise has been observable for some years past in the cost of living in this country, as estimated in the currency of the country, which is silver, or paper representing silver. This rise commenced from about the year 1889, and taking the principal articles of food and fuel used by the Japanese, amounts now to as much as 90 per cent in the case of rice, and 100 per cent in that of fish and vegetables; while the cost of articles of ordinary Japanese wearing apparel has risen various from 30 per cent to over 100 per cent. Wages have undergone a similar rise. It may be further noticed that more recently, say since the war, the ratio of rise in the cost of living has exceeded that of the fall in the gold price of silver.

Police Court Notes.

Adolph Decker, the swipes maker caught in Kakaako by Henry Vida Tuesday afternoon, appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning and was sentenced by Judge Wilcox to three months at hard labor and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Ah Choon, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to one month at hard labor. Ah Choon appeared in the Police Court Tuesday morning, charged with vagrancy. Sentence was suspended and defendant given a chance to go to Ewa to look for work. Instead of doing that he remained in town and was caught early yesterday morning by Chun Poon while stealing a bag of limes from a countryman's store.

Native boys have, of late, been indulging in very dangerous pastime on the large School-street bridge. It is their habit to get up on top of the structure at night and run along in the narrow space, while people are passing over the bridge. The distance to the stream below gives assurance of sure death, should one of the young scamps fall.

Belgian swindlers have been pasting their transparent paper over the postage stamps they put on letters. The paper took the postmarks, leaving the stamps beneath uncanceled.

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